

SEA TURTLE STRANDING AND SALVAGE NETWORK – STRANDING REPORT

OBSERVER'S NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE:

First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____
 Affiliation _____
 Address _____
 Area code/Phone number _____

STRANDING DATE:

Year 20____ Month ____ Day ____
 Turtle number by day ____

**State coordinator must be notified within 24 hrs;
 this was done by** ☐ phone (843)953-9015
☐ email ☐ fax (843)953-9353

SPECIES: (check one)

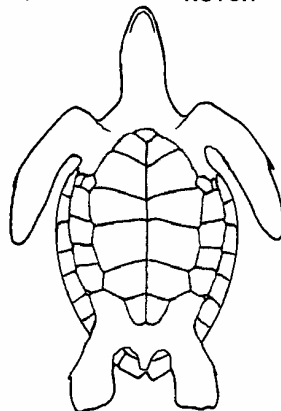
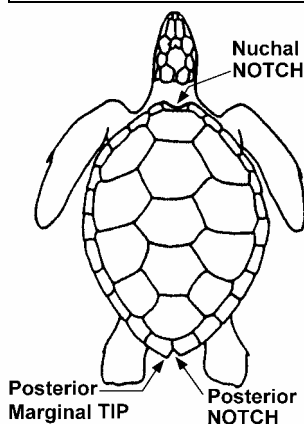
- ☐ CC = Loggerhead
☐ CM = Green
☐ DC = Leatherback
☐ EI = Hawksbill
☐ LK = Kemp's Ridley
☐ LO = Olive Ridley
☐ UN = Unidentified

Check Unidentified if not positive. Do Not Guess.

Carcass necropsied? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Photos taken? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Species verified by state coordinator? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SEX:

☐ Undetermined
☐ Female ☐ Male
 Does tail extend beyond carapace?
☐ Yes; how far? _____ cm / in
☐ No
 How was sex determined?
☐ Necropsy
☐ Tail length (adult only)



STRANDING LOCATION: ☐ Offshore (Atlantic or Gulf beach) ☐ Inshore (bay, river, sound, inlet, etc)

State _____ County _____

Descriptive location (be specific) _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

CONDITION: (check one)

- ☐ 0 = Alive
☐ 1 = Fresh dead
☐ 2 = Moderately decomposed
☐ 3 = Severely decomposed
☐ 4 = Dried carcass
☐ 5 = Skeleton, bones only

FINAL DISPOSITION: (check)

- ☐ 1 = Left on beach where found; painted? ☐ Yes* ☐ No(5)
☐ 2 = Buried: ☐ on beach / ☐ off beach;
 carcass painted before buried? ☐ Yes* ☐ No
☐ 3 = Salvaged: ☐ all / ☐ part(s), what/why? _____
☐ 4 = Pulled up on beach/dune; painted? ☐ Yes* ☐ No
☐ 6 = Alive, released
☐ 7 = Alive, taken to rehab. facility, where? _____
☐ 8 = Left floating, not recovered; painted? ☐ Yes* ☐ No
☐ 9 = Disposition unknown, explain _____

***If painted, what color?** _____

TAGS: Contact state coordinator before disposing of any tagged animal!!

Checked for flipper tags? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Check all 4 flippers. If found, record tag number(s) / tag location / return address _____

PIT tag scan? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If found, record number / tag location _____

Coded wire tag scan? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If positive response, record location (flipper) _____

Checked for living tag? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If found, record location (scute number & side) _____

CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS: (see drawing)

Using calipers

Straight length (NOTCH-TIP) _____ Circle unit
 Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) _____ cm / in
 Straight width (Widest Point) _____ cm / in

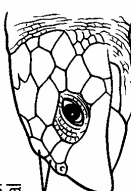
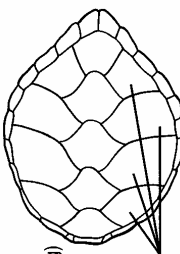
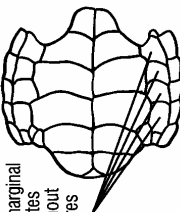
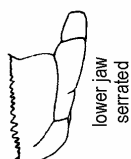
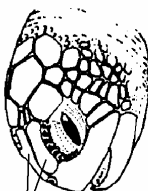
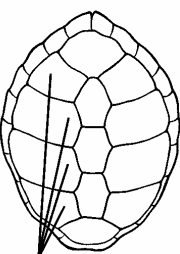
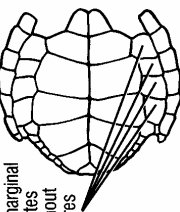
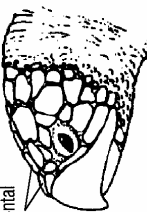
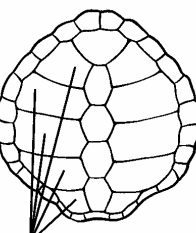
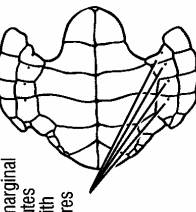
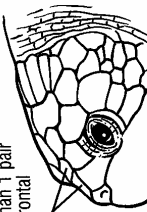
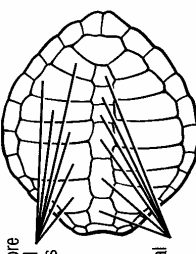
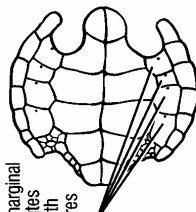
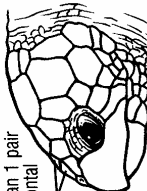
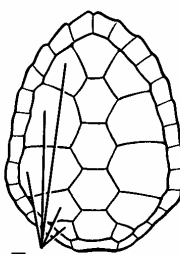
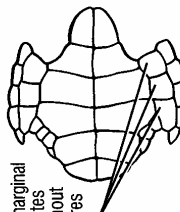

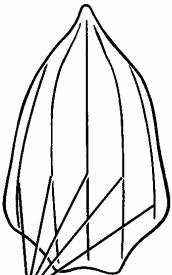
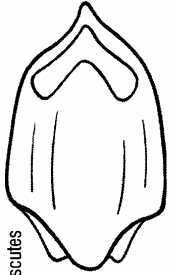
Using non-metal measuring tape

Curved length (NOTCH-TIP) _____ Circle unit
 Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) _____ cm / in
 Curved width (Widest Point) _____ cm / in

Weight ☐ actual / ☐ est. _____ Circle unit
 kg / lb

Mark wounds / abnormalities on diagrams at left and describe below (note tar or oil, gear or debris entanglement, propeller damage, epibiota, papillomas, emaciation, etc.). **Please note if no wounds / abnormalities are found.**

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

head	carapace	plastron
2 pairs of prefrontal scales	scutes imbricated (overlapping) 4 lateral scutes	4 inframarginal scutes without pores
		
Hawksbill - <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>		
1 pair of prefrontal scales	4 lateral scutes 	4 inframarginal scutes without pores
		
Green turtle - <i>Chelonia mydas</i>		
more than 1 pair of prefrontal scales	5 lateral scutes	4 inframarginal scutes with pores
		
Kemp's ridley - <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>		
more than 1 pair of prefrontal scales	6 or more lateral scutes 6 or more vertebral scutes	4 inframarginal scutes with pores
		
Olive ridley - <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>		
more than 1 pair of prefrontal scales	5 lateral scutes	3 inframarginal scutes without pores
		
Loggerhead - <i>Caretta caretta</i>		
no scales	ridges	no scutes
		
Leatherback - <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>		

Please use an envelope and mail original form to:

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